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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Col. W. L. Mabrey is preparing to organize a militia company at Jackson.

Caruthersville, Kennett and Dexter are to do some street paving this year.

One might have guessed that the shoe factory strike at Moberly could not have lasted.

There are now more than 10,000 silos on Missouri farms and more are being erected every year.

Cape Girardeau will likely pass an ordinance prohibiting anybody under 14 years of age from driving an auto.

For three wagon loads of wool delivered to a buyer at Milan, John Campbell of Sullivan county received \$611.

Stanberry is joining the class of progressive towns, and work will be begun there soon on laying six miles of sewers.

Children's day exercises at Burlington Junction, was postponed because so many of the children had the chicken pox. It seems to be all the rage now.

At New Bloomfield, J. Q. Early, a dentist, went out in a thunder storm to drive his cows in from the pasture. Lightning struck his umbrella, killing him instantly.

While waiting for a swollen stream to fall, Mat Burns, of Pettis county, aged 60, fell asleep in his wagon. His drowned body was found by a mail carrier next morning.

A Pettis county bridegroom, 57 years old, blames his mother-in-law in explaining that his 18-year-old wife left him while on their honeymoon.

Frank Beauchamp killed a snake 5 feet and 1 inch long near his farm Friday, he exhibited the snake in Grant City that day and tried to find out what kind it was.—Worth County Times.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Lawrence of Galesburg, Ill., have donated \$72,000 to Park college at Parkville. The gift is conditioned upon the raising of an endowment fund of \$1,000,000.

Glenn Leonard Yarbury of Cape Girardeau, only twelve days old, was recently christened at Cape Girardeau, wearing a dress said to be 108 years old. It was part of a wedding dress first used in Bavaria in 1808.

The work of extending the great levee system of Southeast Missouri so as to fill in a gap in the lower end of Mississippi county has begun. The work contracted for by the Oglesby Construction Co., will cost \$290,000.

A clause including fowls has been included in the stock ordinance in Cape Girardeau, and the marshal authorized to impound stray fowls when found on the streets and charge the owners for their feed and care till the pound fee is paid.

By refusing to remove his undershirt when he took a bath, a man detained at the jail at Jefferson City aroused the suspicions of the officers. Inquiry disclosed that the man had \$2,870 in a suit sack suspended by a string about his neck.

Millerburg folks had to chop themselves out with an ax the other day after the big storm. The main street of the village was so littered with heavy trees as to be impassible until volunteer woodmen got busy.

When a certain puglist of more or less note withdrew his patronage from an Excelsior Springs garage, the garage folks were so pleased with the severance of business relations that they advertised the fact.

Ground has been staked out for the new Adair county infirmary to be built this summer. The building will be fireproof construction and will contain twenty-four rooms on the two floors above a spacious basement.

How a "crossroads gambler" claiming Butler as his home fell among the wary at Harrisonville and was robbed of his bank roll, made a story for the Cass County Democrat, which fixes the visitor's loss at \$236 and two diamond rings.

What is supposed to be a rich vein of copper was found in Texas county the other day at a depth of seventy-five feet. The strike was made by drillers for water. So far as the Houston Republican knows, no action will be taken toward developing the find.

A young man in the Platte river neighborhood in Worth county landed a fish weighing 180 lbs., recently. The correspondent reporting this to the Grant City Tribune states that from the appearance of the teeth the catch was about twenty years old. The next item states that there was some music around the dwelling of Jess Fish Monday night in honor of the wedding of his daughter.—Democrat-Forum.

To make the town of Princeton helpless in case of fire was evidently the intention of persons who visited fire headquarters there. When an alarm of fire was turned in a few mornings ago the firemen found the hose had been made worthless. Great slits had been made in some pieces with a knife, acid had been poured into other sections and the "turn on" wrench from the fire wagon was not to be found.

A very unpleasant experience was that of a Jefferson City man who went with his friend, a bee fancier, to inspect the apiary. Removing the top from a hive, the bee fancier exhibited the combs of honey, and picking up a frame, asked the visitor to taste it. The visitor was willing but just as he opened his mouth a bee stung him on the tongue. He now disclaims all interest in honey bees and says he will eat honey only in the winter time.

Mrs. Margaret Gault of West of Berlin is eighty-seven years of age. She lives one and a half miles west of Berlin, and is the grandmother of John Gault of this city. She has just finished a quilt with 14 pieces to the block and 114 blocks to the quilt. In all there are 1596 pieces in the quilt. She finished the quilt in the short space of three months, and though of advanced age, she did not use glasses, never wearing the latter, it is said.—Maryville Pilot.

The quickest divorce on record at Carthage was granted there one day last week, when the filing of the petition and the issuance of the decree were made in a few hours.

More than five hundred tons of ground limestone have been distributed over clover and alfalfa fields in Cooper county during the last eighteen months, according to the farm agent.

Sheep men will be interested in knowing that Mercer county boasts of a sheep shearing marvel. His name is Nant Stanley, and while working a short day last week he clipped a small matter of 185 sheep.

Father-in-law to his own son and also stepfather to his daughter-in-law, is the new relationship of a King City man by reason of his recent marriage. The bride was the mother-in-law of the bridegroom's son.

Jim Carson brought in a stalk of bluegrass to the bank Saturday that measured 49 inches in length. If anybody, Platte county and Kentucky included, can show anything better than this, we'd like to know about it.—Camden Point Diagraph.

If anybody gets his goat, John W. Terrill of Vienna would not need to worry very much for he would still have 499 goats left. Mr. Terrill on a western trip recently bought five hundred goats in New Mexico and shipped them to Miller county, Missouri.

Herman Clark, who located on raw prairie in York neighborhood and became one of the wealthy farmers of Atchison county, died at his home in Tarkio on Tuesday of last week, aged 84 years and 25 days. Mr. Clark was a good citizen and was well liked by all.—Atchison County Mail.

C. A. Kieth of Lexington and H. A. Gass of Jefferson City, state superintendent of schools, have purchased 20,080 acres of land in Shannon county for \$10,400. The land is located on Current river and the new purchasers will use it for the location of several hunting and fishing clubs.

That he has so many sons he can't remember the names of all of them is the startling statement of a Cape Girardeau county man, who, at 59, is declared to have the largest family in the county. The other day it rained so hard the boys all came indoors and he had a chance to count them. There were seventeen.

"Pinkey" and "Snowball" were the names of two pet rabbits belonging to a little boy at Glasgow. They did not believe in preparedness and when a neighbor's cat came over they were easy victims and both were killed. The little boy's father has his eyes on a target rifle with which he intends writing the cat a note.

It was a regular ham tree a Boone county man had out in the woods, and he found a ready market for his crop, which he marketed a few at a time in Jefferson City and Booneville. All was well until a McBaine man missed fifteen hams from his smokehouse and the trail led to the negro's cache in the woods, and his arrest followed.

The Cape Girardeau man who attended the Democratic convention at St. Louis and paid \$5 a day for a \$1 room tells The Tribune he was not at all displeased at the treatment accorded him. "That hotel man thought he was overcharging me, but he wasn't," the visitor explained. "I took a bath every time I could get to my room and shined my shoes with the face towel."

Missouri A Great State.

The Missouri State Board of Agriculture has just issued a new bulletin, "Rural Progress in Missouri." In this bulletin the author, W. L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary, says:

Missouri has more farm homes owned and unincumbered than has Iowa, Illinois, or Kansas.

Missouri is a state of home owners. She has fewer rented farms than Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, or Oklahoma.

In number of hogs Missouri, with 4,505,000 head, ranks second among all the states. The Missouri hog is not a "hazel splitter," but an "institution," with hams and history.

During the last census decade the value of Missouri lands doubled, and correspondingly increased more than those of any state to her west, or any state bordering her on the north or south.

Missouri is a great corn state. According to the last census, the leading states in the production of corn were Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Missouri. These four states together reported more than two-fifths of the total production of the United States.

Missouri is truly a center state. Here is the heart of the great corn belt. Here is the center of farm values, and also the center of improved acreage. The statement is also made that in Missouri is the cattle center, the hog center, the horse and mule center, and the center of farm production for the United States.

Missouri live stock is remarkably free from disease. Texas fever, sheep scabies, and glanders are practically unknown. During the foot-and-mouth outbreak there was not one case in Missouri. The result of the work of providing a pure milk supply for Missouri cities, and of keeping healthy the herds of the state, is a striking story of progress and efficiency.

Missouri has a splendid system of public schools. Ours is not an illiterate state. Taking her population as a whole, Missouri is not as illiterate as New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut or New York. Furthermore, in some of these states illiteracy is decreasing but little, or is actually increasing, while in Missouri our limited illiteracy is rapidly decreasing.

For the average farmer to invest nothing in live stock in order that he might have more to expend for buildings would represent poor business judgment. It does not follow, that because the average Missouri farmer chooses to invest \$1,031 in live stock and only \$975 in buildings, that he is less efficient than the Massachusetts farmer, who puts \$2,401 in buildings and only \$562 in live stock.

Missouri is a great fruit state. In 1915 we were excelled in apple production by but one state, and in peach production by but four states. In combined apple and peach production Missouri was second among the states. In blackberries and dewberries Missouri ranks first among the states. At the Panama-Pacific Exposition Missouri was awarded more medals on apples than were awarded any other state or country.

Missouri is a leader in live stock. In number of registered cattle of the four beef breeds, Missouri is outranked by no state. In Angus, Missouri is second; in Herefords, third; in Galloways, third; in Shorthorns, fourth. Ours is a state of great breeders and of long established herds,

Missouri has recently established records in the sale, both of Hereford and Shorthorn cattle. Herefords averaging \$1,246 and Shorthorns, \$1,083.

The statement has been made that Missouri ranks forty-first among the states in average acre production of all farm crops. Suffice it is to say that at the head of the column cited to prove the inefficiency of the Missouri farmer stand Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Who is so foolish as to say that these little states, with their abandoned farms, are greater agricultural states than Nebraska, Oklahoma or Kansas, ranked, respectively, forty-fifth, forty-sixth and forty-seventh?

From "somewhere in Kansas" came to Neosho one of the fastest berry pickers ever seen in Newton county's strawberry patches. The Kansan, according to the Pineville Herald, dropped off a train there to win a bet that he could pick a hundred quarts of berries a day. The Kansan picked from 175 to 200 quarts daily and gave sleight of hand of hand performances after work just to show his fellow laborers that he wasn't a bit tired.

To-morrow will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Catholic church in Parnell, and the day will be celebrated in a befitting manner. Father Berthold of Conception, who instituted and dedicated the church in 1891, will be present on this occasion. He preached a short time after the church was dedicated when Father Joseph, the present pastor, took charge. Rt. Rev. Maurice Burke of St. Joseph will also be present to assist in the ceremonies.—Parnell Sentinel.

Essie Richards, a 7-year-old negro girl living with her grandmother at Florida, has a mania for murder, having already taken the life of a baby sister, and owing to a legal tangle, is causing Monroe county no little worry. One day last week, on returning from the barn, her grandmother, a very old negress, found the two-year-old baby missing, and on interrogating Essie could get no satisfaction. Noticing a plank off the well top, she immediately investigated and found the dead body of the baby floating on the water. Essie confessed to the murder and a day or so later tried to make way with a five-year-old sister in the same way.—Ralls County Record.

The Sikeston & Southeastern is probably one of the most peculiar railroads in the state, for it bears the distinction of paying dividends before a mile of track has ever been laid or a wheel of rolling stock purchased. This road was organized some years ago, to be built from Sikeston southeast to Hickman, Ky. After organization was effected a tract of land opposite Hickman was purchased for a terminal site and it is from the cultivation of this land and the sale of its products that the dividend is provided. The dividend declared a few days ago, is four per cent, on the investment, and if the stockholders are wise and wish to keep on making money they probably will indefinitely postpone the building of the road. Leastwise they may be able to keep out of a receivership, which many of the roads appear unable to do.

LEADER OF IRISH REBELS



Countess Markiewicz, sister of an Irish baronet and one of the leaders in the Sinn Fein rebellion in Ireland, who according to the story told by Dr. Cecil G. McAdam of Melbourne, Australia, who was a guest at the Shelbourne hotel in Dublin at the time of the attack upon the hotel, led the attack dressed in men's clothes and flourishing a revolver in each hand. The fiery countess during this attack, it is said, shot six of her followers for refusing unhesitatingly to obey her orders. The countess has been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

PAYS UP AFTER 18 YEARS

Man Hunts Up Surviving Member of Firm and Discharges Debt.

Frankfort, Ky.—Some 18 or 20 years ago, a few years after Measra Congleton Brothers came here and went into the lumber business a young man came into their office and said he wanted lumber to build him a home, but did not have any money to pay for it and might not have for 18 years, but would certainly pay for it if he lived.

Being two kind-hearted old bachelors they believed he would eventually pay and they let him have the lumber. A few days ago that young man, now past middle life, came and hunted up Thomas Congleton, the firm having retired from business and William Congleton having died some years ago, made good his promise and paid the account in full.

\$10,000 FOR MULE KICKS

Damages Said to Have Been Done by Militant Animal Sent to the War.

Kansas City, Mo.—Joseph Smith, says a mule kicked him \$10,000 worth. It wasn't an ordinary kick which Smith, a trimmer and shoer, says a mule administered to him in the Guyton & Harrington Mule company's barns at Keosauqua, near Lathrop, Mo., last October. It was a triple kick. First the hoof landed in Smith's abdomen. Then it slipped down to his knee. Then it went still lower and tapped him on the shin.

Probably the mule is no more, as it was shipped off to the battle front from the big war order assembling barns at Lathrop. But the damage it did still abides as permanent injuries. Smith, by his attorney, J. T. Jennings, says in a suit filed against the mule company.

MINE MAKES WOMAN RICH

Colorado Lady Becomes Wealthy Through Sale of Property Left by Father.

Boulder, Colo.—Miss Anna Mannion of Toledo, in moderate circumstances at one time, is wealthy now through the sale of a mine. Her father, Michael Mannion, a prospector, died four years ago. The bulk of his estate was the St. John group of mining claims near Sugar Loaf, considered worthless. Recently attorneys for the state appeared in the county court and filed a petition probating the will, which had been lying in the court files. The object is to clear the St. John groups title for sale, tungsten, running 15 and 20 per cent, having been found there. A Boulder operator has offered \$50,000 for the property.

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